**Agreement**

**on cooperation for technical regulation, standardization and conformity assessment between the Russian Union of industrialists and entrepreneurs (RSPP) and the German Institute for Standardization (Federal Republic of Germany)**

The Russian Union of industrialists and entrepreneurs and the German Institute for standardization, hereinafter referred as the parties,

in order to provide mutual assistance on technical barriers for trade and industry, ensure compatibility and interchangeability of the supplied products, its security to the life, health and property, as well as in the field of environmental protection;

Desirous of promoting cooperation in the field of technical regulation, standardization and conformity assessment, which conform international and European principles and standards;

guided by economic interests of the parties,

leads to a mutual understanding on the following:

1. in accordance with the laws of their States, the Parties shall cooperate in the field of technical regulation, standardization and conformity assessment and quality of products and services in the following areas:

promotion of national and international standardization in both States, timely mutual information on national standards, which may have a significant impact on trade between the parties;

the harmonization of national standards with international and European standards;

the promotion international cooperation on standardization within the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), the European Electrotechnical Commission (CENELEC) and other organizations and development of the cooperation in the proposal and development of new areas of work on the establishment of international standards;

facilitating the improvement of normative base of technical regulation in both States;

deepening of cooperation in the field of conformity assessment of products, services and quality management systems.

Cooperation can also take place on other issues of common interest.

2. the parties will exchange documents, periodicals, information in the field of technical regulation, standardization, conformity assessment and quality of products and services.

3. the parties intend to organize reciprocal bilateral meetings with the participation of the specialists of both countries to exchange experiences in the field of technical regulation, standardization, conformity assessment and quality of products and services, to carry out work on counseling and training.

Conditions of the meetings will be determined by agreement of the parties.

4. the parties will continue to work on joint seminars, conferences, round tables and forums.

5. Financing of cooperation projects under this cooperation agreement will be implemented upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Signed in the city of Munich in 2006, in two copies, each in the Russian and German languages.

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